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October Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 983 million pounds of milk during October, up 3.0 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,280 pounds for October, 50 pounds above October 2019. The dairy herd was estimated at 431,000 head for October, up 3,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during October totaled 17.7 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from October 2019. September revised production, at 17.2 billion pounds, was up 2.4 percent from September 2019. The September revision represented a decrease of 5 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 1,997 pounds for October, 35 pounds above October 2019. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.88 million head, 62,000 head more than October 2019, and 17,000 head more than September 2020.

Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: October 2019 and 2020

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Cows1,000 Hd	428	431	8,819	8,881
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,230	2,280	1,962	1,997
Production Mil lbs	954	983	17,299	17,733